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Wednesday, April 29, 2020

GOV. INSLEE PROVIDES UPDATE ON COVID-19 RESPONSE

Gov. Jay Inslee gave an update to the state's response to the coronavirus pandemic on Wednesday, including the extension of the Stay Home, Stay Healthy Order past May 4. How long the order will be extended was not stated. Link to view the press conference is at right.

EDMONDS CITY COUNCIL APPROVES A HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE FUND TRANSFER TO MITIGATE COVID-19 IMPACTS

The Edmonds City Council approved a short-term Homelessness Response Fund aimed at helping those in need with rent, mortgage, food, or other household expenses. More details at right.

JUSTICE MOVES ONLINE AT MARYSVILLE MUNICIPAL COURT

Court hearings at Marysville Municipal Court are now being conducted virtually via GoToMeeting.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING

Gov. Inslee Provides Update on COVID-19 Response

Gov. Jay Inslee gave an update to the state's response to the coronavirus pandemic on Wednesday. The briefing included a short discussion of allowing some non-urgent (elective) surgeries and procedures and an announcement that the Stay Home, Stay Healthy order will be extended past May 4, without a specified end date. There was a lengthy discussion of the metrics that must be considered to start opening the economy in phases. The Governor plans to show the phases in which the economy will be reopened in a news conference on Friday, May 1.

View the recording on [TVW](#).

Edmonds City Council Approves a Homelessness Response Fund Transfer to Mitigate COVID-19 Impacts

In a 5-1 vote, the Edmonds City Council approved a short-term Homelessness Response Fund aimed at helping those in need with rent, mortgage, food, or other household expenses. The measure will apply to residents of Edmonds who earn less than 60% of the Snohomish County median income.

The \$100,000 fund is being created with money transferred from the council's existing Homelessness Response Fund, which currently has \$225,000 in it.

The council also approved a resolution calling on local landlords not to increase rent, and asking state and federal officials to use emergency powers to address rent and mortgage payments during the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information, please tune into the Edmonds council's [Virtual Meeting Recording](#) and read the [Agenda Item](#) and [news article](#).

Justice Moves Online at Marysville Municipal Court

When Gov. Inslee issued the "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order several weeks ago, courts were immediately impacted. Marysville's city courthouse has been closed to the public since March 17, following the direction of the Governor and the Washington State Supreme Court.

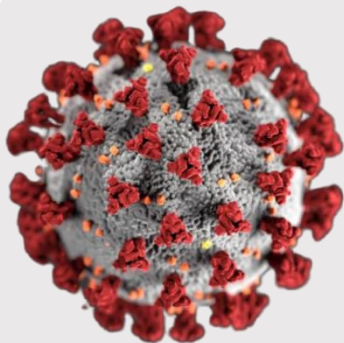
With a backlog of over 2,000 cases and an unknown date for reopening safely, Marysville Municipal Court began doing things differently this week. Court hearings are now being conducted virtually via GoToMeeting.

"We were worried about the tsunami that was happening by not doing court hearings," explained Court Administrator Suzanne Elsner.

Once the decision was made to use remote video hearings, city Information Services staff quickly responded with the necessary technical equipment. Judge Fred Gillings and Judge Lorrie Towers participated in training sessions along with court staff and attorneys to make sure the web-based platform would work correctly. Within eight days, the new court model was up and running. Video hearings began on Monday, April 27.

What has changed?

- All criminal case hearings are being conducted via GoToMeeting and by phone.
- All jury trials are canceled through May.



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STORY TIME WITH EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Everett public library is now providing digital programming to help keep families and children learning and engaged while we stay home and stay healthy. Links to the programming at right.

HELP PRESERVE EVERETT COMMUNITY HISTORY

If you live in the City of Everett, consider documenting life during the COVID-19 pandemic and sharing that with the Everett Public Library. Details at right.

EVERETT COMMUNITY COLLEGE CANCELS IN-PERSON GRADUATION CEREMONY

Everett Community College has canceled in-person graduations.

PRE-ORDER AND DRIVE-THRU AT EVERETT FARMERS MARKET THIS SUNDAY FROM 11 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

Due to COVID-19, the Everett Farmers Market will be a "Pre-Order and Drive Thru Pick Up Only." No customers may walk into the farmers market to shop. Click on the link at right for information on how to pre-order.

- Temporary protection orders for Marysville or Lake Stevens residents can be requested online. Permanent protection orders are issued through Snohomish County Superior Court.
- Infraction hearings are conducted by email only. If you receive a ticket, you can submit a hearing request online. If an attorney is representing you, your case will be held via GoToMeeting.
- Pay court fines and penalties online.
- Probation appointments are conducted by phone.
- If you have a warrant eligible for recall, call the Court for a new court date.
- To request a public defender, complete the application (available online) and mail or fax it to the Court.
- Public access to court hearings is available by accessing the GoToMeeting link or live stream audio from the Court web page.

Find forms and more information at

<https://www.marysvillewa.gov/144/Municipal-Court>

Story Time with the Everett Public Library

Story time at the Everett Public Library has gone digital, along with many of their other wonderful programs, to help keep families and children learning and engaged while we stay home and stay healthy. Check them out on [Facebook](#) to follow along with children's stories, songs and activities. They also have a variety of Library resources for download at epls.org/apps, including e-books, music, magazines, movies and more.

Help Preserve Everett Community History

The Everett Public Library's Northwest Room created the [Community History Project](#) to document life during the COVID-19 pandemic. To preserve history, archives like the Northwest Room must intentionally collect and preserve digital materials. They are asking community members to share their stories, photographs, poetry, art and anything else that documents how Everett is staying home, healthy and safe. To have your submissions considered for inclusion in the archives, email CommunityHistory@everettwa.gov. If you wish for your submission to remain anonymous, please say so in your email.

Everett Community College Cancels In-Person Graduation Ceremony

Everett Community College (EvCC) has cancelled in-person graduations. EvCC will announce plans to celebrate safely. For more information please visit EvCC's [webpage](#).

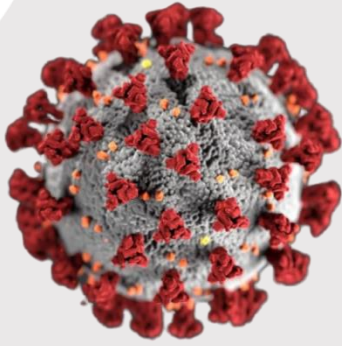
Also, most Summer classes will be online. For more information please visit EvCC's [webpage](#).

Pre-Order and Drive-Thru at Everett Farmers Market this Sunday from 11 A.M. to 2 P.M.

The Everett Farmers Market will open Sunday, May 3, 2020. The market will give customers the chance to order directly from and pre-pay vendors, and then pick up products via a drive-through (remaining in their cars) at the Everett Farmers Market location at 2930 Wetmore Ave, Everett, Washington 98201, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Please [click here](#) for Pre-Order Vendor Info and how to Order from Vendors.



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PROPELLER AIRPORTS IMPLEMENTS FEVER DETECTION SYSTEM AT PAINE FIELD

The Elevated Body Temperature Detection System is a non-invasive, non-contact technology that alerts airport personnel when a passenger has a fever. The system was recently installed at Everett's Paine Field and is now fully operational.

2020 CENSUS DATA COLLECTION CONTINUES: 62.6% OF HOUSEHOLDS IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY HAVE RESPONDED

62.6% of households in Snohomish County have responded to the 2020 Census, with almost 60% of those completing the Census online. Completion of the 2020 Census is critical to ensuring Snohomish County receives its fair share of federal resources.

Propeller Airports Implements Fever Detection System at Paine Field

All Passengers to be Temperature Checked Prior to Boarding

As part of its continuing commitment to be a national leader in protecting customers and staff, in effort to stop the spread of COVID-19, influenza and other illnesses, Propeller Airports announced the implementation of a new fever detection system. Developed by Athena Security, the Elevated Body Temperature Detection System is a non-invasive, non-contact technology that alerts airport personnel when a passenger has a fever. The system was recently installed at Everett's Paine Field and is now fully operational. The new temperature checks follow Propeller's introduction last month of an innovative and proprietary UV technology used to disinfect the terminal. The technology being deployed at Paine Field is the latest in a line of similar technology that has been used effectively for years in Asia and other parts of the world.

Prior to entering the TSA checkpoint, all passengers will be screened by a thermal camera that reads their body temperature. Passengers flagged as having a temperature will be offered secondary screening and if a fever is confirmed, the passenger and the airline will determine their ability to travel.

"During this difficult time, the addition of Athena's Elevated Body Temperature Detection System is a vital step to ensure the health and safety of our passengers, airline partners and staff," said Brett Smith, CEO of Propeller Airports, which designed, built and financed the terminal through a public-private partnership with Snohomish County. "Since opening, we have been committed to staying on the forefront of trends and innovations to provide the best possible experience to our passengers, and we're proud to be the first U.S. passenger terminal to roll out this type of technology. The use of this system will allow us to maintain the seamless, safe and modern travel experience our customers have come to expect."

"Propeller Airports is clearly leading the push to innovate and create the future of travel, making it safer and more efficient for travelers to get where they need to be and Athena Security is proud to help," stated Lisa Falzone, CEO of Athena Security. "As global air travel has come to a halt, the ability to pre-screen for COVID-19 fevers is proving to be a life-saving option to funnel infected travelers away from large groups now and in the future as other pandemics and flu-seasons arise."

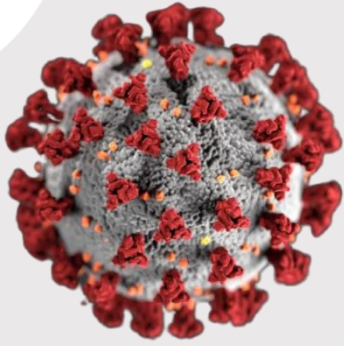
In addition to temperature screening, in March, Propeller Airports unveiled proprietary technology that uses UV rays to disinfect and clean high-touch areas throughout the passenger terminal including check-in kiosks. It was the first airport to introduce this technology which will help not only expedite sterilization but help build public trust that airports are safe in a post-COVID19 world.

More information about Athena's Elevated Body Temperature Detection System can be found here: <https://athena-security.com/coronavirus-detection/>

2020 Census Data Collection Continues: 62.6% of Households in Snohomish County Have Responded

The 2020 Census can be completed online, by phone, or by mail. Of the 62.6% of households in Snohomish County who have responded to the 2020 Census, over half chose to respond online (59%). The Census form **does not** include a citizenship question. Please remember to go online and fill out the Census form at www.my2020census.gov.

A complete Census count ensures Snohomish County receives its fair share of federal resources, as significant funding is at stake for other federal



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COSTCO TO REQUIRE FACE COVERINGS FOR ENTRY, MAKES OTHER CHANGES

Costco will be requiring face coverings for entry at all Costco stores, effective May 4. Costco also announced other changes at the same time.

INSLEE ISSUES ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE ON CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Today, Gov. Jay Inslee clarified the initial guidance memo on construction activities and issued a FAQ document. Details and links at right.

programs that families and communities rely on, including Head Start, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and Medicare and Medicaid.

To check city response rates please visit the Census Bureau's [webpage](#).

Costco to Require Face Coverings for Entry, Makes Other Changes

Effective May 4, all Costco members and guests must wear a mask or face covering that covers the mouth and nose at all times while at Costco. This requirement does not apply to children under the age of 2 or to individuals who are unable to wear a mask or face covering due to a medical condition.

The use of a mask or face covering should not be seen as a substitute for social distancing. Costco asks shoppers to continue observing rules regarding appropriate distancing.

Effective Monday, May 4, most Costco locations and Costco gas stations will return to regular operating hours. Select Costco warehouses will open from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., Monday through Friday for members ages 60 and older, and people with disabilities. Only members who meet this criterion will be able to shop during these hours. Check www.costco.com for your local store's hours and restrictions.

Costco is continuing to allow priority access to its warehouses during all open hours for Costco members who are healthcare workers and first responders such as police officers, EMTs and firefighters. Healthcare workers (which includes pharmacists and all hospital employees with a hospital ID) and first responders who present a Costco membership card and official identification of their role, will be allowed to move to the front of any line to enter the warehouse.

Inslee Issues Additional Guidance on Construction Activities

On Friday, Gov. Jay Inslee announced [a plan to allow current construction projects](#) to be completed. Today, the governor clarified the initial guidance memo and issued a guide to frequently asked questions about construction activities.

The guidance is an addendum to his "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" proclamation, the construction requirements that apply to all previously and newly authorized construction activities in Washington as long as [Gubernatorial Proclamation 20-25](#), or any extension, is in effect.

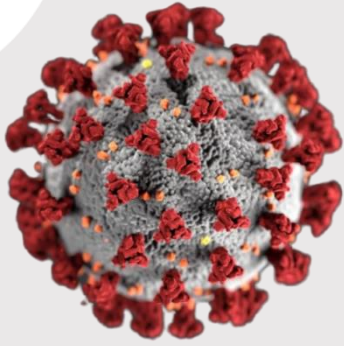
Authorized construction now includes:

- Construction previously authorized under Proclamation 20-25 and Gov. Inslee's March 25, 2020, memo on construction.
- Construction not previously authorized under Proclamation 20-25 and the March 25, 2020, memo that was in existence on March 23, 2020. For purposes of this memo, *in existence* means construction activity that is a) needed to fulfill an obligation under a contract effective prior to March 23, 2020, or b) authorized by a government-issued permit obtained prior to March 23, 2020.

[Read the full guidance here.](#)

The governor's office has also put together a list of [frequently asked questions](#).

State Department of Commerce update



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COMMERCE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The Department of Commerce provides an update on the ScaleUp program for small businesses, the business response center, and Economic Resiliency Team efforts.

A healthy workforce is necessary for a healthy economy. Washington state will take steps to get people back to work in a way that protects them and their communities.

The Department of Commerce will develop an operational plan that works for business, workers, and the public by convening industry representatives and business leaders, along with representatives of labor and workforce interests. The department will start where essential businesses have already put protections in place and include the Department of Health and Labor & Industries early to provide advice and guidance. Working together, we can coordinate industry specific plans to meet health and safety approval and determine when the plan can be implemented.

"Public health is our number one priority and the economy immediately follows," said Commerce director Lisa Brown. "Data and science are our guiding lights through this pandemic. We want to get people back to work as quickly as possible, but we also understand that our workplaces may look very different than they did prior to the outbreak, and that may be the case for some time to come. We're going to partner with our business community to understand what a safe return to work looks like for each industry."

ScaleUp, COVID-19 Edition: Commerce has created ScaleUp to help small businesses navigate the current economic climate while building resiliency. One hundred businesses across the state will be able to register for the online classes. The virtual classroom will help owners improve their strategic thinking and decision-making, create operational efficiencies and strengthen the bottom line in times of uncertainty.

The ideal candidate for ScaleUp is the president or owner of a business that has been in operation for two years and has annual revenues in excess of \$100,000. [Registration for the free course opens Thursday](#), April 30 at 10 a.m.

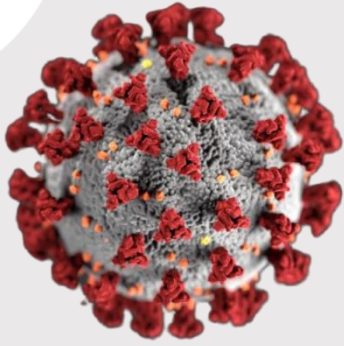
Business Response Center Update: The ERT's Business Response Center has answered more than 1,600 general business inquiries around financial help or other business assistance since coming online April 8.

The center's team, composed of people from the Department of Commerce, the Joint Information Center and volunteers from throughout state government, are reviewing incoming questions and responding as quickly as possible. They are currently able to answer questions as quickly as they are received. If you're a business owner or operator with a question, [you can fill out a form that goes to the center for response](#).

ERT Outreach: The Economic Resiliency Team has posted business communication resources on the state portal, coronavirus.wa.gov, to address common concerns about the coronavirus.

All resources are free to use, so please download and distribute as you wish. Current materials include printable posters for businesses, such as [What does six feet look like?](#) and [Grocery shopping tips](#). The ERT will continue to add to this page as new resources are developed. Please check back often.

New webinar: The Joint Information Center's Economic Resiliency Team holds a weekly webinar with the Association of Washington Business. The audience includes hundreds of Washington businesses and industry associations. In the [most recent webinar](#), Employment Security Commissioner Suzi LeVine addresses concerns over unemployment payouts and eligibility for expanded unemployment insurance. Chris Green, Director of Economic Development for the Department of Commerce, discusses small business relief efforts and the troubles of the Paycheck Protection Program. All the episodes are [archived online](#).



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USE IRS NON-FILERS TOOL TO GET ECONOMIC IMPACT PAYMENT; MANY LOW-INCOME, HOMELESS QUALIFY

The IRS is reminding low-income Americans to use the free, online Non-Filers tool to quickly and easily register to receive their economic impact payment. The IRS has also released a new Spanish language version of the tool.

New “The Impact: Road to Recovery” episodes: TVW has posted two new episodes in its series, “The Impact: Road to Recovery,” which discusses how businesses and workers can navigate their way through the COVID-19 pandemic. [All the shows are archived on TVW.](#) Recent episodes include:

[How are small businesses faring? How can various sectors plan for a re-open?](#) Host Mike McClanahan interviews Kris Johnson, CEO of the Association of Washington Business.

[How can businesses work with the state to develop safety plans to resume operations safely?](#) Host Mike McClanahan interviews Joel Sacks, Director of the Department of Labor and Industries.

Use IRS Non-Filers Tool to Get Economic Impact Payment; Many Low-Income, Homeless Qualify

New Spanish language version unveiled

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) reminds low-income Americans to use the free, online tool [Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info](#) to quickly and easily register to receive their Economic Impact Payment.

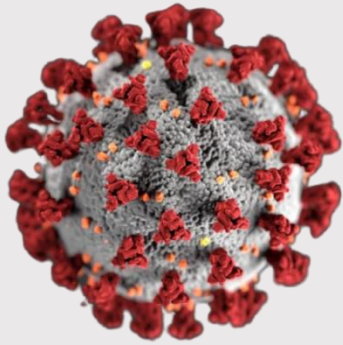
The IRS has recently released a new Spanish language version of the tool to help even more Americans get their money quickly and easily.

The Non-Filers tool is designed for people with incomes typically below \$24,400 for married couples or less than \$12,200 for single people. This includes couples and individuals who are homeless. People can qualify, even if they do not work. Anyone claimed as a dependent by another taxpayer is not eligible.

Usually, married couples qualify to receive a \$2,400 payment while others normally qualify to get \$1,200. People with dependents under 17 can get up to an additional \$500 for each child.

Just like people who file returns every year, those who do not have a filing requirement also generally qualify for an Economic Impact Payment. The IRS doesn't know who many of these people are since they normally don't file. So, the only way to get the Economic Impact Payment is to register with the IRS.

For more Information on Economic Impact Payments, including answers to frequently-asked questions and other resources, visit [IRS.gov/coronavirus](https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus) and read the IRS' [news release](#).



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CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE CASES OF COVID-19 IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Numbers less than 5 are suppressed to protect medical privacy. Not all cases are within city limits and totals may include nearby unincorporated Snohomish County. Unknown includes cases still under investigation.

*Counts are for portions in Snohomish County only.

ESSENTIAL LINKS AND PHONE NUMBERS FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION

- [Snohomish Health District](#)
- [Snohomish County](#)
- [Snohomish County COVID-19 Response & Community Resource Hub](#)
- [Washington State](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- Snohomish County COVID-19 Phone Line: **425-388-3944**
- Washington State COVID-19 Hotline: Call **1-800-525-0127** or text **211-211** for help.

Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of April 29, 2020)

Case Count	Last Updated: 1:54 p.m.
Confirmed	2,417
Probable	223
Deceased	107

Jurisdiction	Last Updated: 1:54 p.m.
Arlington	98 (67 recovered)
Bothell*	167 (118 recovered)
Brier	18 (10 recovered)
Darrington	<5 (<5 recovered)
Edmonds	283 (159 recovered)
Everett	746 (431 recovered)
Gold Bar	<5 (<5 recovered)
Granite Falls	21 (15 recovered)
Index	0
Lake Stevens	102 (77 recovered)
Lynnwood	503 (249 recovered)
Marysville	201 (125 recovered)
Mill Creek	44 (25 recovered)
Monroe	62 (40 recovered)
Mountlake Terrace	88 (52 recovered)
Mukilteo	51 (39 recovered)
Snohomish	124 (84 recovered)
Stanwood	85 (64 recovered)
Sultan	6 (<5 recovered)
Tulalip	10 (5 recovered)
Unknown/Other	7 (<5 recovered)
Woodinville*	12 (10 recovered)
Woodway	7 (5 recovered)